MINUTES

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

OF

NORTH CAROLINA, AND ADJACENT STATES,

CONVENED AT

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The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North-Carolina and adjacent states, convened, pursuant to adjournment, at *Lau's Church*, in Guilford county, North-Carolina, on the first Sunday in May, 1830, and continued in close session during the 3d, 4th, and 5th; transacting business relative to the promotion of that part of the Lord's Vineyard under their care.

Sunday morning, the 2d.—A large concourse of persons having assembled in the Church, the Rev. President opened the meeting with a suitable address, and was followed by the Rev. H. Graeber, who delivered a German sermon, from 1 Cor. 1 Cap. 23 and 24 verses, 'But we preach Christ crucified.'

As the Church could not contain more than one fourth of the persons present, part of the services were conducted at a Stand erected in the woods where the Rev. J. Reck preached a sermon in the English Language from Isaiah, 53 chap. 5 and 6 verses. "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities," &c. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered in the Church, and the Ministers and Lay Delegates, together with the members of church, united in participating of this blessed ordinance. In the afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Rauch, Ministerial Delegate from South-Carolina, preached in English, from Psalms 116, 7 v. "Return unto thy nest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee." Immediately afterwards the Rev. Mr. Artz also preached in English from Isaiah 55 chap. 13 verse. 'Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree' &c. At the same time the Rev. Daniel Sherer preached a German sermon in the Church, from Psalms 103: 1, 2, 3. "Bless the Lord, oh! my soul," &c.

On the day previous, there were also two sermons preached, as preparatory to the administration of the Sacra-

ment, one in German by Rev. Jacob Scherer, from John 15, 14. "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." The other sermon was preached in English by Rev. Jocob Kaempffer, from Acts 3, 19. "Repent ye, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, and that the times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

These sermons were all highly evangelical in their character, and calculated to inculcate the doctrines of Christ, and it is hoped that they will produce a salutary effect upon the neighbourhood in which they were preached.

Monday morning, May 3d.—The session was opened by singing a hymn, and an address to the Throne of Grace by the Rev. President.

The names of the MINISTERS in connexion with this Body, were then read, and are as follows:

Pastors....Rev. CHARLES A. G. STORCH, Senior,
GOTTLIEB SHOBER, *President*.
JACOB SCHERER,
MARTIN WALTHER,
DANIEL SCHERER,
JACOB MILLER,
JOHN RECK, *Secretary*,
HENRY GRAEBER,
WILLIAM JENKINS,
JOHN C. A. SCHOENBURG,
JOHN P. CLINE,
DANIEL J. HAUER.

Licentiates...Rev. ANDREW SEECHRIST,
WILLIAM ARTZ,
DAVID P. ROSENMILLER,
JACOB KAEMPFFER,
JACOB GRIESON.

Catechets...Rev. JOHN REICHARD,
ADAM GRIMES.

The Rev. Mr. Rauch was also present, as Ministerial Delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South

Carolina, and was invited to take part in the deliberations, with the privilege of voting.

Rev. Messrs. *Storch*, *Walther*, *Jenkins*, *Schoenburg*, *Cline*, *Hauer*, *Seechrist*, and *Reichard*, were absent.

The LAY DELEGATES present, were :

Mr. Henry Keller, from Rev. Shober's Congregations.
Dr. John Stanger, from Rev. Jacob Sherer's Congregations.
Mr. —— Misenheimer, from Rev. Dan'l. Sherer's do
Mr. Christopher Barringer, Mr. Peter Arey, } from Rev. J. Reck's. do
Mr. Jacob Cline, from Rev. H. Graeber's do
Messrs. Jacob Boon, John Clapp, Andrew Scherer, Adam Hagie, David Fogelman, } from Rev. Mr. Artz's do
Mr. John Cruse, from Rev. J. Kempffer's do
Mr. John Null, from Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller's do

Mr. Michael Holt, was also introduced, and permitted a seat as an advising member.

The Synod being duly organized, an election was held, when the following brethren were elected as Officers of this Body, for the ensuing year, viz :

Rev. GOTTLIEB SHOBER, *President.*
Rev. JOHN RECK, *Secretary.*

The Minutes of the last year's Session were then read, and examined.

Resolved, That all Communications and Petitions be now presented.

The Rev. President laid on the table, several copies of the Minutes of the Lutheran Synod, of New-York, of Pennsylvania and of Ohio, for distribution. The Rev. Mr. Rauch also presented the Minutes of the S. Carolina Synod.

Three Committees were then appointed, to examine all the papers forwarded to this Body, and to report thereon.

The first Committee to whom were referred the Letters, consisted of Rev. Messrs. H. Graeber, William Artz, and John Stanger.

The second Committee, to whom were referred the memorials, consisted of Rev, Messrs. J. Scherer, J. Reck, and Mr. Boon.

The third Committee, to whom were referred the minutes of the different Lutheran Synods (to report upon the contents as far as they relate to this judicatory,) consists of Rev. Messrs. Rauch, J. Kempffer, and Mr. John Clapp.

Mr. M. Holt, Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller and Mr. J .Null were appointed to examine the Treasurer's account.

The contributions from different Churches were then handed into the Synodical Treasury, and are as follows:

Rev. Gottlieb Shober's Congregation, Stokes county, N. C.

Hopewell	$1.00

Rev. Jacob Sherer's Congregations, Wythe county, Virginia.

Kimberlings	2.25
St. Pauls	1.87 1-2
Burks Garden	1.25
St. John's	3.00
	$8.37 1-2

Rev. Daniel Scherer's Congregations, Cabarrus county, N. C.

St. Johns Church	$8.15
Cold Water	2.22 1-2
Bethel	1.48
	11.85 1-2

Rev. J. Reck's Congregations, Rowan and Iredell co'y. N. C.

Union Church	$7.22
St. John's Church, (Salisbury)	4.00
St. Michael's	2.25
	13.47

Rev. Henry Graber's Churches, Lincoln county, $6.55

Rev. Wm. Artz's Congregations, Guilford and Orange co's.

Lau's Church	$3.72 1-2
Shoemaker's	1.15
	4.87 1-2

Rev. Jacob Kaempffer's Congregations, Rowan county N. C.

Organ Church - - - - -	$4.06 1-4
Savage's - - - - - -	2.85
Luther's - - - - - -	75
	7.66 1-4

Rev. Andrew Seechrist's Congregations, Wythe and Washington counties, Virginia - - - - $5.00

Rev. David P. Rosenmiller's Church, Stokes county, N. C.

Nazareth - - - - - -	1.00
Total, - - - - - -	$59.78 3-4

Synod then adjourned, until after preaching.

During the recess which now took place, Rev. Rosenmiller pronounced a discourse in the English Language, from 2 Cor. 2c. 16. "To the one we are the savour of death unto death, and to the other the savour of life unto life."

The Synodical business was again commenced.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of adopting certain amendments in the constitution of the General Synod, proposed and recommended by that Body at its last session. Rev. Messrs. Storch, Artz, Graeber, and Jacob Scherer, were appointed upon the committee.

The new Constitution proposed by the General Synod for the Government of District Synods, was called up, and after some debate, the further consideration of it was postponed until tomorrow.

Resolved, That the parochial reports be now presented. (See Appendix.)

Synod then adjourned until Tuesday morning. Prayer by Rev. John Reck.

Tuesday morning, May 4th, 9 o'clock.—The session was opened with singing a hymn, and prayer by the Rev. H. Graeber.

The transactions of Monday were read, and approved.

The committees then reported.

The report of the first committee on Letters, which with a few amendments was adopted, is as follows:

No 1, Is a letter from the Rev. J. G. Morris, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary and Education Society of the Synod of Maryland and Virginia, asking the assistance of the Synod to enable Messrs. Rothrock and Vogler to complete their Theological Studies in the Seminary at Gettysburg. (If not by a full support, viz. 70 dollars per annum, at least by a partial one.)

Resolved, That this letter be referred to the Missionary Society attached to this Synod.

No 2, Is a letter from Rev. Hazelius, D. D. President of the N. York Synod and Professor in Hartwick Seminary, in which he expresses his regret that they could not send a Delegate to this Body now in session, in consequence of the great distance which intervenes, and recommends a correspondence between the different Lutheran Synods, as the most suitable means, by which to express our mutual love and regard for each other, and also of concerting such measures as may be deemed advisable to be adopted for the prosperity of our Lutheran Zion, &c. &c. The committee is of opinion, that this interesting letter should be read before the Synod.

It was accordingly ordered to be read; whereupon it was *Resolved*.....1st. That our Synod have received with much pleasure, this friendly and interesting communication from the Synod of New-York, through their worthy Pres'dt, and have heard with gratitude their expressions of fraternal regard for us, and their good wishes for the prosperity of our church in the South.

2dly. That this Synod hear with much pleasure of the prosperity of our Church in the State of New-York, and of the zeal manifested by our Brethren there, and that the Secretary of this Synod be instructed to write an answer to said letter, expressive of our esteem for them, and of our earnest desire to continue a friendly correspondence with them, as well as with all other Lutheran Synods.

3dly. That, if it be deemed expedient, we will encourage, as far as practicable, such publications, issued by their "Committee on Publications," as may tend to promote the best interests of our Church.

No. 3, Is a letter from the Lutheran Congregation in Union county, Illinois, signed by several members, stating their forlorn and destitute condition since the Rev. Schoenburg left them; and pray that they may be speedily supplied with a minister, or else they will be compelled to apply to some other Synod for aid.

Resolved, That we deeply regret that we are unable to supply our Brethren in Illinois with a Pastor, and that we shall be happy to see them supplied from any other regular Lutheran Body that is in union with us.

No. 4, Is a letter from Rev. William Jenkins, of Tennessee, containing his parochial report, and prays that this Body would excuse his unavoidable absence. Your committee recommend that he be excused.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY GRAEBER, *Ch'n. of the Com.*

Resolved, That this Report be adopted; and that the absence of Rev. Jenkins be excused.

The Second Committee reported, as follows:

The Committee to whom were referred certain *Memorials*, and *Petitions*, having attended to the duty assigned them, would respectfully report; that

No. 5, Is a petition from Rev. Andrew Seechrist's congregations in Wythe and Washington counties, Virginia, signed by 59 members, in which they express their entire satisfaction with their minister, and pray that his License be renewed. No. 6, Is a Petition from Emanuel's Church, Davidson county, N. C. signed by 15 persons, stating that the Rev. John Reichard is useful among them, and that he takes a very active part in the Sunday School, and pray that his License may be renewed. Your committee respectfully recommends that the Licenses of these Brethren be renewed for one year.

No. 7, Is a pressing invitation from the members of Organ Church Rowan county, that the Synod should hold its next session with them. No. 8, Contains a memorial from several Congregations in Davidson county, signed by Elders and Deacons of said Churches, in which they earnestly desire to have a resident minister amongst them, and pray that Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller may be permitted to locate among them. Your committee recommend that the request of these petitioners be granted and that Rev. Rosenmiller become their resident minister. No. 9, Contains a petition from Nazareth Church, Stokes county, in which they speak very favourably of Rev. Rosenmiller's deportment as a minister of the Gospel, and pray that his ministerial services may be continued amongst them. We recommend that Rev. Rosenmiller in connection with Rev. Jacob Miller take charge of Nazareth and Bethlehem Congregations. No. 10, Is a letter from Rev. D. J. Hauer, containing a request to be dismissed from this Synod, as he has connected himself with the Virginia Synod. *Resolved*, that his request be granted. No. 11, Is a petition from Organ, Savage's and Luther's Churches, in which the petitioners testify to the good moral Deportment of Rev. Jacob Kempffer, and request that he may be continued among them as their Preacher.

Resolved, that this petition be granted them, and that the renewal and extension of his License be referred to the ministerium.

No. 12, Is a memorial signed by the Elders and Deacons of the Lutheran Churches situated in Guilford, Orange, and Randolph counties, in which they express their entire satisfaction and gratification with the walk and ministry of Rev. William Artz and pray that he be continued amongst them as their preacher.

Resolved, That he be continued among said Congregations, and that the renewal and extension of his License be referred to the ministerium.

No. 13, Is a petition from the Congregations in Guilford and Orange counties, certifying their approbation of

the moral deportment of the Rev. Jacob Grieson, and pray that his License be renewed, and extended, to perform all the ministerial Acts whenever he may be requested, in the German Language.

We recommend that this be referred to the ministerium.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JACOB SCHERER, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That this report be adopted, and that so much as pertains to the renewal and extension of Licenses, be referred to the ministerium.

Resolved, That Rev. Jacob Miller take charge of Gerber's church for one year.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, reported as follows,

May the 4th, 1830.

The committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's accounts, have attended to the duty assigned them and report,

That the Books and vouchers are correct and satisfactory, and that we find a ballance due our Synod to the amount of *one hundred* and *thirty six dollars*, *fifty* and *three fourth cents*: which is respectfully submitted

MICHAEL HOLT, *Chairman.*

Rev. G. SHOBER, was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Committe on the Minutes of other Synods reported as follows:

Having attended to the duty assigned us, we would respectfully report,

1. That it appears from the Minutes of the different Lutheran Synods, which we have examined, that they entertain a fraternal regard for this Body, and wish to continue a friendly correspondence as they have resolved to send copies of their minutes to this Body.

2. That the Synod of South-Carolina, in addition to sending their minutes, have resolved to send a Delegate to meet this Body, and desire a reciprocation of the fraternal intercourse. M. RAUCH, *Ch'n. of the Committee.*

Resolved, That this report be adopted, that we are highly gratified to experience such tokens of friendship from our sister Synods, and that we reciprocate their friendship.

Resolved, That the Rev. H. Graeber be appointed to act as a Ministerial Delegate from this Body, at the next session of the South-Carolina Synod, to convene on the 19th of November, 1830, in St. Paul's Church, Newburg District, South Carolina.

Resolved, That ten copies of our minutes be sent to each Lutheran Synod in the United States.

Synod then adjourned until after preaching, and in the mean time the ministerium commenced and continued its deliberations. During the recess of the Synod, sermons were preached by Rev. J. Miller in German, and Rev Messrs. Kempffer and Grimes, in English.

Tuesday, the 4th, 1 o'clock, P. M.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

The ordained ministers met in the Church, and after mature deliberation upon the propriety of renewing and extending the Licenses, of the Applicants, it was, *Resolved*, That Rev. Messrs. Artz, Rosenmiller and Kempffer receive full *Candidate License* to perform all the *Ministerial Acts*.

Resolved, That Rev. Jacob Grieson also receive Candidate License, to perform the necessary ministerial acts whenever he may be called on, provided he does not intrude on other ministers.

Resolved, That Rev. Jacob Scherer and Rev. H. Graeber be a committee to examine Brother Grimes, and that his License be renewed, provided his qualifications be deemed sufficient.

These brethren having attended to the duty assigned them, recommend that brother Grimes receive Catechet License for one year.

Adopted by the Ministerium.

Tuesday, May the 4th, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod resumed its proceedings.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the President of this Synod at each of its annual meetings in future, to make a report of all the important occurrences wnich may transpire within its bounds ; that he shall likewise take noticein this report, of the letters which he has received from other Synods and from individuals, so far as they concern this Body ; and at the same time he may recommend such things to the consideration of this Synod as are in his opinion caculated to promote the highest interests of our Church in this and the adjoining states.

A motion was made and adopted, that the Synod adjourn until Wednesday morning. Prayer by Rev. J. Reck.

Wednesday morning, 5th, 9 o'clock.

Synod was constituted by prayer.

The transactions of Tuesday, were read and approved.

The new constitution, recommended by the General Synod for the regulation of individual Synods, was again taken into consideration, and after an animated discussion upon the propriety of adopting it for the government of this Synod, it was

Resolved, That it be laid over to the next session for further consideration.

Resolved, Further, that this Synod procure as many copies of this constitution as can be obtained, and that they be distributed amongst the members of this Synod ; and that each minister, consider it to be his sacred duty to read this constitution to every congregation under his care for their consideration, before the next session of this Synod.

Resolved, That if the President depart this life, the Secretay succeed him, and discharge the duties of the Presidential Office until the next Synod.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be permitted to loan out on interest, in trust for this Synod, so much money as can be spared, taking good security.

Resolved, That a special conference, be held in Salisbury on the second Sunday in August 1830.

Resolved, That a special conference be held at St. Paul's Church, Lincoln county, on the second Sunday in September, 1830.

The 25th day of June 1830, being the Centurial return or Anniversary of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession to Charles V. Emperor of Germany;

Therefore *Resolved*, That, it be set apart in the Churches within the bounds of this Synod, as a day of *Thanksgiving* for the blessings that have resulted from the Reformation, and Prayer for the prosperity of religion in our Church.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Synod, request a written certificate from the Rev. President of the General Synod, correcting the error made in their "Statistical Report."

Resolved, That 300 copies of our minutes be printed in German, and an equal number in English, and that Rev. Mr. Shober be requested to make the German Translation of them, and to superintend its printing

Synod then had a recess and the Evangelical Lutheran Missionary Society of N. Carolina &c. held its Anniversary; the proceedings of which, see in the Appendix.

Wednesday, the 5th, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod again resumed its deliberations.

Resolved, That the same Directors for the Theological Seminary be continued another year.

The Rev. Mr. Rauch having informed this Synod of the intention of the brethren in South Carolina, to establish a Theological School and that he was an agent to solicit donations for that purpose. It was resolved that we view with pleasure the arduous enterprise of these our brethren, and that this Synod feel disposed to encourage it in future if practicable.

Resolved, That inasmuch as we have been called upon to aid some of our indigent young men to prosecute and complete their Theological studies at the Seminary at Gettysburg, that each minister endeavour to collect the sum of 5 dollars in each of his churches to be appropriated to that purpose.

Resolved, That this Synod hold its next annual meeting at Organ Church, Rowan co. N. C. on the first Sunday in May, 1831.

According to a resolution of the *ministerium*, the Rev. Messrs. *Seechrist*, *Artz*, *Rosenmiller*, *Kaempffer*, *Greison*, *Grimes* and *Reichard* had their Licenses renewed for one year. The Rev. Presidest then presented the thanks of the Synod to the members of Lau's Church and the people generally, for their kindness and hospitality, after which the Brethren all joined him in a fervent address to the Throne of grace and the Synod dissolved.

JOHN RECK, *Secretary.*

A REPORT on the State of Religion in the bounds of the Luthern Synod of North-Carolina, and some of the adjacent states, compiled from the statement of the different Ministers.

In reviewing the march of truth, and presenting a statement of Religion in the respective congregations under the care of this Synod, we find great reason for gratitude to the great Head of the Church for the indications of his grace and mercy to us in the past year, and also of lamentation over the desolations of our Zion in many places. Though it is not our privilege to record any extraordinary visitations of God's distinguished favour, or great and extensive revivals of religion; yet we can truly say that our labours have not been without success, and that the respectable accessions to nearly all our congregations give abundant evidence to this fact.

Our Venerable Father Storch has resigned his congregations for several years into the hands of his successors, in consequence of infirmity and age, but manifests much pleasure in the prosperity of true Religion, and actively supports some of our Benevolent Institutions.

Rev. Mr. Schober has relinquished his former charge and only preaches in one congregation, situated in Stokes county, on acconnt of old age and debility; and devotes much of his time in promoting Sunday Schools in which he feels a peculiar interest. In his congregation their is a flourishing Sunday School, consisting of about 50 pupils.

Rev. Jacob Scherer has the care of five congregations situated in Wythe and Washington counties, Virginia. Since his residence there, he has received eighty two persons into full communion, by confirmation, who were hopefully pious and who since have evinced by their deportment that a good work has been commenced in their hearts and "*that they are seeking a better country.*"

Four Sunday Schools have been formed in these congregations this spring consisting of nearly two hundred pupils. In the past year Rev. J. Scherer, baptised 87 Infants and one adult, had 17 burials, and 307 communing members.

The means of grace are generally well attended, and some good, it is hoped, affected, but much still remains to be done. The religious education of children is too much neglected by many of the parents, and too little interest manifested for vital piety by many of the old and young.

Rev. John Reck has the care of 4 congregations, besides several other places of occasional preaching, and it is a source of pleasure to him, and of gratitude to God, that his churches are still growing. Although there has not been so great an addition of members, during the last year, as in some former years, yet the Lord has still inclined the hearts of some to confess him openly, and a number more have made application, and who are now receiving instruction with a view to become members in future. Connected with these congregations, there are now 8 Sunday Schools in operation, and have effected much good in some places. In the past year Rev. J. Reck baptized 53 Infants, 11 Adults, received by confirmation into full communion 17, has 277 communicants, and has had 17 deaths, some of whom were among his most influential and conspicuous members.

In accordance with a resolution of the last Synod a special conference was held in St. Michael's church, on the 14th of September 1829, during which time ten sermons were preached and the Holy Eucharist administered. A deep solemnity pervaded the audience and much good was effected. On Monday a *Missionary Society* was formed in this congregation Auxiliary to the Luthera Missionary Society of North-Carolina and adjacent states, and a respectable number of persons subscribed immediately. If this plan would be adopted generally, by our churches and each member only give 25 cents annually much good could be done.

Rev. Henry Graeber preaches in five congregations regularly, and occasionally in other places in Lincoln co. which are gradually increasing. The Preaching of the Gospel is well attended, more so of late than common. An increased atttention is manifested for all the means of grace

we have reason to hope that good has been effected, and that many have experienced the power of religion in their hearts. During the past year Rev. Graeber baptised 68 persons five of whom were adults, received by confirmation 35, buried 22, and has 100 regular communing members. The members of some of the sister churches are very friendly to us here, and liberal in supporting our churches; and although there is discord and contention without, yet we enjoy an entire ecclesiastical peace, for which we have great reason to be thankful.

Rev. Daniel Scherer has committed to his care at present three congregations in Cabarrus county, N. C. which are externally in a very prosperous condition. In the past year he baptized 101 infants—received by confirmation into communion 77—had 13 deaths, and 317 communicants.

Rev. Jacob Miller has the care of five congregations in Davidson co. N. C. Nothing particularly interesting has occurred in these churches in the last year. He baptized 47 children, 9 adults, 8 of whom have become full membsrs, confirmed 20, had 9 deaths, and 90 communicants. Discord and contention prevailed in these churches, and as a natural consequence vice and immorality abounded in many places to an alarming degree, but we hope for better times.

Rev. William Jenkins resides in Tennessee, and has the care of five congregations, where he has been labouring for some time with considerable success. Loud and repeated calls for help, have been made from this section of our church, but in consequence of the scarcity of Preachers, and the many destitute churches in other places, they have not yet been supplied. In consequence of this, Zion languishes here, and is anxiously struggling for deliverance of God—notwithstanding this state of things, there have been initiated by baptism 137 infants—received by confirmation 24—and has 185 communing members besides a number who are now receiving religious instruction and who will become members in future.

From Rev. Andrew Steechrist's communication, it ap-

pears that he has the care of four churches in Virginia, and that they are gradually increasing. During the past year he baptized 51 infants and 1 adult, buried 4, and has 135 communicants.

Rev. Jacob Kaempffer has the care of three congregations situated in Rowan county, N. C. which are in a prosperous condition but would be much more so were it not for the unfortunate discord which has existed already several years among some of the members. Since his location among them, he baptized 69 infants, had 13 burials and 323 communicants.

Rev. William Artz has the care of five congregations, situated in Orange and Guilford counties, N. C. and appears to be successful in his labours in building up the waste places of Zion, in healing the breach, and uniting the hearts of the people in the bonds of the Gospel of peace.

Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller, after concluding his missionary tour, located in Germanton Stokes county, and preached there, and in three congregations in the neighbourhood, and the surrounding country generally, during the space of six months—in that time he held communion twice, and administered the sacrament to 30, confirmed 9, and baptized 12 infants and 1 adult. In a few places he had evidence of the success of his labours, but in other places the reverse was the case.

Rev. John Reichard, living in Davidson county, N. C. baptized 9 infants, and had 3 burials.

Rev. G. Shober has resigned all his Congregations except one, in consequence of old age; in that congregation, he baptized, during the past year, 1 adult and 7 children, and celebrated the Lord's Supper three times, with 12 communicants. This congregation did not increase in number, owing partly to sectarianism, and partly to the removal of church members to Indiana. He dedicates most of his Sundays to the progress and increase of Sunday Schools; to their prosperity, he is particularly attached. In his congregation, there is a flourishing Sunday School, with about 50 children: 16 Sunday Schools are auxiliary to the Stokes

county Sunday School Union ; more than 1000 children are there instructed.

Thus it appears from the Parochial Reports, tho' they are deficient, that our borders are still enlarging and the number of members gradually increasing. Although the Virginians have formed themselve into a new Synod and some of the brethren have attached themselves to that Body, our Synod still consists of 16 members. Three active and promising young men have been received from our *Seminary* at Gettysburg in the past year, and Licensed, and are now labouring in the bounds of this Judicatory with considerable success. Forty-five congregations, besides several which are vacant or in a declining state, are attached to this body, and in the past year there have been reported 1883 communing members, 204 that have been added by confirmation, 28 adults by baptism, and 640 infants.

Finally, from a review of the past year we are admonished to be grateful to God for his goodness towards us, and that "it is high time to awake out of sleep," and engage our most importunate supplications that the Lord of the harvest would more abundantly bless the means of grace, and gather many more sheaves into his Garner.

Extracts from the Minutes of the third annual meeting of the Lutheran Missionary Society of North-Carolina, and Adjacent States, convened at Lau's Church, Guilford county, May the 5th, 1830.

Previously to entering upon the immediate discharge of the constitutional duties, several interesting addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs Graeber and Reck, explanatory of the necessity and importance of *Missionary Societies* being established in the church of God and of sending forth pious and well qualified labourers among the destitute.

Rev. G. SHOBER was re-elected as President of the Society, Rev. JOHN RECK continued as corresponding Secretary, and Rev. WILLIAM ARTZ appointed as recording Secretary—the former Vice Presidents were continued in office, and some additional Directors elected for the ensuing year.

Rev. Rosenmiller who was employed by the society to missionate in the past year, read a report of his labours which was unanimously approved of by the Society. A communication from the Rev. J. G. Morris corresponding Secretary of the Missionary and Education Society of Maryland, was read by the President, requesting aid from this Society, to complete the Theological studies of several

indigent young men from this State now at the Seminary at Gettysburg. After an animated debate on this subject, the letter was again referred to the Synod.

The Treasurer's Report was presented, examined, and found correct; and that after all the disbursements were deducted from the principal sum only 96 dollars remained in the hands of the Treasurer.

Rev. DANIEL SCHERER was re-elected Treasurer of the Society for the ensuing year.

Resolved, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the sum of ten dollars to Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller, to defray his expenditures incured in travelling to North-Carolina.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the sum of ten dollars to Rev. Adam Grimes for occasional missionary labours in the east of Surry county.

Resolved, That Rev. Daniel Scherer be appointed to act as a Missionary to the state of Illinois and to collect all the missionary information possible, and communicate the same to this society, at its next annual meeting.

Extracts from Rev. Rosenmiller's Missionary Tour.

Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller under the authority of the Lutheran Missionary Society of North-Carolina, &c. commenced his missionary labours on the 27th of June 1829, and pursued them among the destitute, from Salem, N. C. through a part of Stokes to Surry county, and thence to Wilkes, Lincoln, and Burke, and then returned through Iredell and Rowan, and Preached to several vacant and destitute congregations in the Forks of the Yadkin River, and from thence through Davidson back to Stokes. During this time he preached 35 times, and occasionally to pretty large and attentive assemblies, and it is hoped not without some good and lasting effect.

The time occupied in this tour, was six weeks and a half, in which time he travelled 663 miles and collected for the Missionary Society in different places $14 25 cts. In some of the above named counties the people are very destitute of the means of grace, and the gross vices of intemperance, sabbath breaking and profane swearing prevailed to an alarming degree, and call loudly upon the friends of humanity to exert themselves in diffusing a knowledge of our holy religion and to rescue the multitudes of immortal souls who are perishing and going down to the chambers of death for a want of the means of grace.